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1. The naval command at Chinnampo (125-24, 38-44) has moved part of its forces to Changnyon (125-18, 38-36), Hwanghae Province. Two companies are billeted in primary schools and the county offices at Kyomipo (125-38, 38-44). One battalion occupied primary school buildings, county offices, and hotels at Monggumpo (124-46, 38-12).
2. Two 150-ton and two 200-ton patrol craft are stationed at Taechong-do (124-42, 37-50) and Paengnyong-do (124-40, 37-58). Taechong Island has six guns (type unspecified) installed on the two summits (Chunsan and Pusan), and there are some pillboxes (locations unstated). The county office building and the whaling company offices are occupied by 150 sailors. On Paengnyong Island, there are three guns on Sopang (西芳) Mountain, and some pillboxes. Three hundred sailors are billeted in the buildings of the island's fishing association, in the county offices, and in churches and private houses. The island is controlled by a self-governing unit of four or five native islanders.
3. Six sailing vessels stopped at Taechong-do on the morning of 15 August for water supplies. According to some sailors from the craft, they were from Shantung, carrying ammunition. All the vessels left the same morning on a course to the south; their exact destination was not revealed.
4. Yongho Island (Yonghodo-ri, 125-20, 37-46) has no soldiers. Its security is under the charge of the island self-governing unit and the island is inspected twice weekly by a patrol vessel from Paengnyong-do. The head of the self-governing unit is KONG Hung-t'aek (孔興達). The People's Committee is headed by CHO Ch'il-song (趙七星), with KIM Kun-ha (金君河) as deputy.

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